DON’T SPREAD LEAD

What are the sources of lead hazards in my home?
- Chipping, peeling, or worn paint
- Painted or varnished furniture and woodwork
- Dust and work debris in your house
- Toys, children’s jewelry, and other products
- Water from leaded pipes or fixtures

Is there a lead renovation regulation in Wisconsin?
Yes, it is found in Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 163.

Who must follow the lead renovation regulation?
The lead-safe regulation applies to workers who disturb paint in homes built before 1978, including:
- Painters and renovation contractors
- Electricians and plumbers
- Maintenance workers and handymen
- Landlords and property managers
- Anyone doing this work for compensation

What does the regulation require?
- Lead-Safe Renovation training and certification
- Distribution of the Renovate Right pamphlet that has information for homeowners about lead
- Work practices that prevent the spread of dust and debris
- Daily cleaning and final proof of clean worksite

If you own a home built before 1978, here are 5 reasons to hire a certified lead-safe contractor.

Certified lead-safe contractors are more likely to work lead-safe, and thereby:
1. Protect your young children from lead poisoning and the permanent damage it causes.
2. Protect your family’s health.
3. Leave your home safe and clean.
4. Show professional responsibility.
5. Follow the law.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Public Health
Asbestos and Lead Certification 608-261-6876
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 608-266-5817

To learn more about lead poisoning, lead-safe work practices, certified lead-safe renovators, or lead regulations, visit our website at: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/index.htm.

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5 REASONS TO HIRE A CERTIFIED LEAD-SAFE CONTRACTOR:

1. **You’ll protect your children from lead.**
   Lead harms a young child’s developing brain, nervous system, and organs. As a result, they may:
   - Struggle to learn in school
   - Act out or be suspended
   - Make bad choices, such as commit a crime

2. **You’ll protect your family’s health.**
   Lead exposure can also cause:
   - High blood pressure, heart attack, stroke
   - Early memory loss
   - Risk of miscarriage or infertility in women and men
   Keep yourself, your family members, and pets out of the work area.

3. **You’ll maintain your home’s safety.**
   You should see these lead-safe work practices:
   - Warning signs and tape in work area
   - Furniture moved from work area or covered with plastic
   - Plastic on floors in work area
   - Edges of plastic taped to floor or wall
   - Doors and vents sealed off
   - Daily cleaning

4. **You’ll have a contractor that shows professional responsibility.**
   Certified contractors should:
   - Provide the *Renovate Right* pamphlet.
   - Avoid creating lead hazards in your home.
   - Not burn paint with an open flame or use a power washer to remove old paint.
   - Not use tools to sand, grind, or blast unless attached to a special-filtered vacuum.
   - Properly dispose of waste.
   - Leave the work area clean each day.
   - When work is done, use a cleaning card to prove work area is safely cleaned.

5. **They’ll be following the law!**
   Contractors are required to be trained and certified and work lead-safe in homes built before 1978. In Wisconsin, a contractor who violates this law may be fined up to $5,000 per violation per day.

The Lead-Safe Renovation Rule makes sure that contractors’ methods are safe for your family.

Keep in mind

In 2014 almost 4,000 Wisconsin children were lead-poisoned. Don’t let your child be affected by lead during renovation.

The added cost of working lead-safe is minor when compared with the costs and heartache of a lead-poisoned child.